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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 3 of the rules framed by the High Court and published on pages 1—3 of the Supplement to Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th April 1929. Under the above rule, persons who are actually officiating as priests or ministers of their religion are exempt from service as jurors. There are no assessors in the High Court.

As regards Bench Magistrates, there are at present twenty Ministers of the Church serving as Bench Magistrates in this Presidency but no information is available as to the number of Hindu priests, Mullas and Moulvis serving in that capacity.

Irrigation

277 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a big boulder has slipped on the water course in the Sheveroy Hills and blocked the water which was previously flowing into Salem through Tirumani Muttar river, and that the water is now flowing through the Vannar river and goes to the other districts; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to remove the obstruction?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A report has been called for.

[For further unstarred questions, please see pages 503–504 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Depressed Classes

Number of Adi-Dravida children attending labour schools.

*278 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) which sub-sects of the Adi-Dravidas are attending the labour schools in South Kanara;

(*b*) what number of children of each of these classes are now in the labour schools; and

(*c*) whether any difficulty is experienced in making children of higher and lower classes among these people attend the same school and, if so, what steps have been taken to overcome such difficulties?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

Police

Shadowing of M.L.C.'s by the Police.

*279 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has examined the question if Members of the Legislative Council may be shadowed by the Police while in Madras for other purposes than to attend the Legislative Council;